Valley Center







Valley Center Road (village)

Mirar de Valle Road (west end) Circle R Road (steep terrain)

Overview

The existing Valley Center road network fails to provide adequate routes to/from the I-15, which produces traffic congestion on its primary corridor — Valley Center Road through Escondido. The existing network also contains too few roads that distribute traffic within the community, especially routes that travel to and through Valley Center's two villages. As a result, full build-out of the GP2020 Draft Land Use Map produced failing LOS on Valley Center, Cole Grade, Lilac, and Old Castle Roads.

The proposed solution for Valley Center combines new road connections to the I-15, additional routes within and around village areas, and land use modifications in the villages. As shown in Figure VC-1, new connections to the I-15 include an extension of Cool Valley Road to Old Highway 395 and extensions of both Mirar de Valle and Betsworth Roads to Mountain Meadows Road in the Hidden Meadows community. All of these connections reflect the Group's preference to maintain a network of two-lane roads. Based on traffic model forecasts, approximately 20 percent of Valley Center Roads would continue to operate at a failing level of service, but there is additional capacity on some roads that provide optional routes of travel during periods of congestion.

Planning Group Preferences

The Planning Group expressed a strong desire to produce a plan that balances the land use and road network. With the exception of Valley Center Road, Cole Grade Road, and the eastern segment of Lilac Road, the Planning Group also strongly endorsed retaining a network of two-lane roads. The Planning Group also endorsed two new connections to the I-15 (extensions of Mirar de Valle and Cool Valley Roads) and land use modifications to reduce traffic on the extension of Mirar de Valle to the Hidden Meadows community. Although the group primarily endorsed reductions in commercial land use, they also requested a reduction in residential density to a maximum of 10.9 dwelling units per acre.

Key Issues

Unresolved Traffic Congestion

Valley Center Road (east of Miller Road to Lilac Road) will operate at LOS E/F, but land use changes did reduce forecast traffic volumes to 42K ADTs, or 20% over the LOS D threshold. With the exception of the new Cool Valley Road connection to Old Highway 395, Valley Center I-15 traffic from the north must pass through this segment of Valley Center Road as steep terrain makes the provision of alternate routes infeasible. Also, the community resoundingly rejected widening Valley Center Road to six lanes.

Mirar de Valle and Betsworth Roads will operate at LOS E/F, but staff recommends limiting the width to two lanes, while retaining a wider right of way for four lanes on Mirar de Valle Road. The staff recommendation is sensitive to the Planning Group's desire to retain a network of two-lane rural roads and the Hidden Meadows community's concern over excessive traffic from Valley Center flooding the I-15 interchange.

Environmental Constraints

A road in the southern village is proposed to parallel Valley Center Road along the eastern edge of the Orchard Run development. This road is an essential link in a road network that would resolve traffic congestion on Valley Center Road, south of Lilac Road, but the road crosses the Keys Creek riparian wetland area.

Fire Access

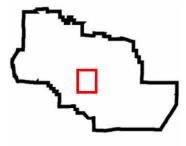
The Paradise Mountain community of 2,000+ residents is accessed by a single public route from Lake Wohlford Road — Paradise Mountain Road. Additional routes to Lake Wohlford Road are private roads (gated), with some that traverse the San Pasqual reservation. During the October fires, these roads became available for emergency egress, but more reliable routes are necessary for the large population living in this fire-prone area.

Board Alternative Map Network

The Board Alternative Map designates a 13.6-acre parcel (Bates Nut Farm) as General Commercial. Based on SANDAG trip generation projections, the General Commercial designation would generate an additional 7,000 to 9,000 ADTs. As a result, staff recommends widening Woods Valley Road to a four-lane road. In addition, a new road proposed in the southern village would need to be four lanes to accommodate forecast traffic volumes.

Proposed Land Use Modifications (Draft Land Use Map)

Proposed land use changes to the June 2005 Draft Land Use Map are located in two village areas. The primary purpose of these changes is to reduce congestion on Valley Center and Mirar de Valle Roads. In the northern village, commercial and industrial land uses are scaled back to reduce average daily trips that contribute to excessive levels of congestion. In response to the Planning Group's recommendation, residential densities in the southern village are limited to 10.9 dwelling units per acre, but the 14.5 dwelling unit per acre density is retained in the northern village to meet the community's share of the State's five-year housing requirements.



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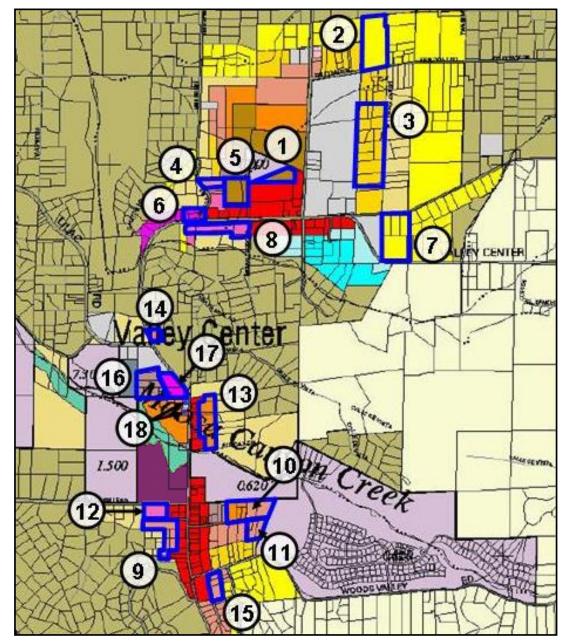


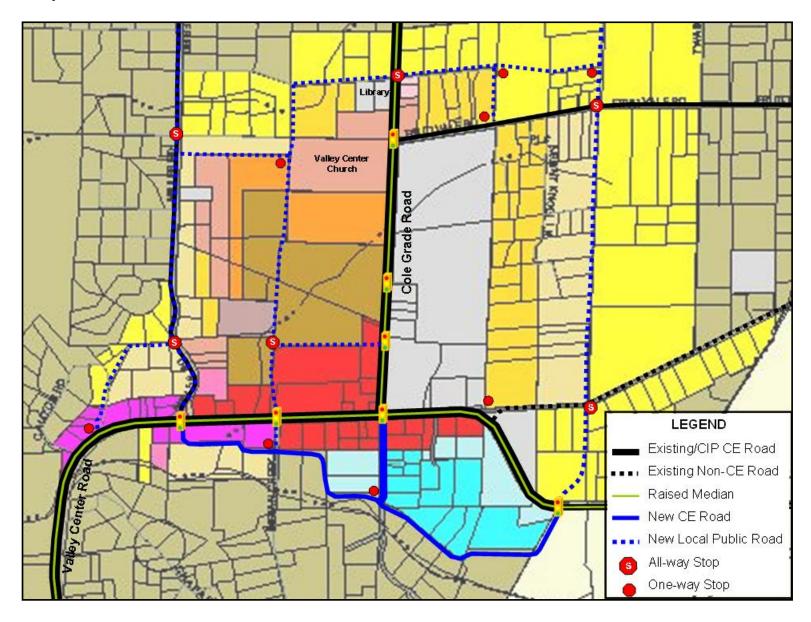
Table of Proposed Land Use Designation Changes

Area #	Acres	Existing General Plan	June 2005 Draft Land Use Map (Board Alternative Map)*	Staff Recommendation**
1	5.0	(14) Service Commercial	C-1 General Commercial	VR-14.5
2	20.3	(17) 1 du/2,4 ac	VR-2 (VR-2.9)	SR-1
3	30.0	(2) 1 du/ac	VR-4.3	VR-2.9
4	2.7	(3) 2 du/ac	C-2 Office Professional	VR-4.3
5	8.1	(5) 4.3 du/ac	C-1 General Commercial	VR-14.5
6	2.8	(14) Service Commercial	C-1 General Commercial	C-4 Rural Commercial
7	18.0	(17) 1 du/2,4 ac	I-1 Limited Impact Industrial	SR-1
8	9.2	(6) 7.3 du/ac	C-1 General Commercial	C-4 Rural Commercial
9	10.0	(2) 1 du/ac	C-1 General Commercial	VR-4.3
10	5.8	(2) 1 du/ac	VR-10.9	VR-7.3
11	4.2	(2) 1 du/ac	VR-7.3	VR-4.3
12	4.4	(2) 1 du/ac	C-1 General Commercial	C-2 Office Professional
13	11.7	(17) 1 du/2,4 ac	C-1 General Commercial	VR-7.3
14	2.0	(14) Service Commercial	C-3 Neighborhood Commercial	C-2 Office Professional
15	4.8	(2) 1 du/ac	C-2 Office Professional	VR-4.3
16	10.3	(17) 1 du/2,4 ac	VR-14.5	VR-10.9
17	5.6	(14) Service Commercial	C-1 General Commercial	C-4 Rural Commercial
18	1.2	(14) Service Commercial	C-3 Neighborhood Commercial	C-4 Rural Commercial

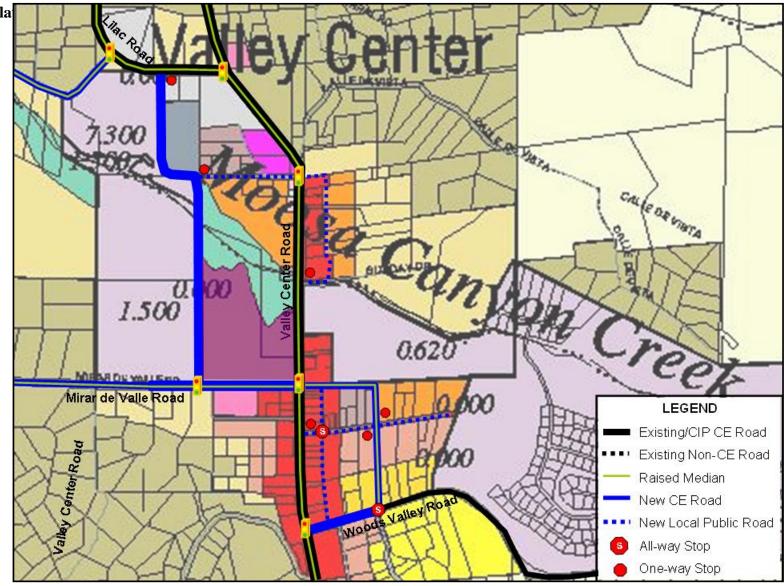
^{*} The Board Alternative Map and June 2005 Draft Land Use Map designation are the same in most areas. In cases where the two maps differ, the Board Alternative Map designation appears in parenthesis.

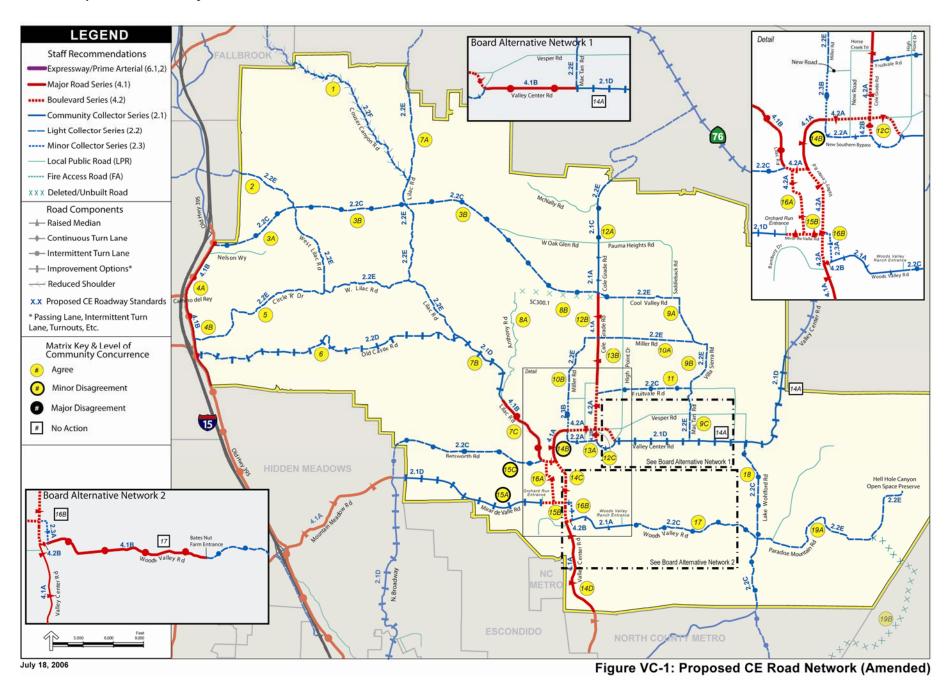
^{**} Planning Group supported the proposed changes to the August 2006 Draft Land Use Map, subject to further refinement.

Town Center Circulation: North Village

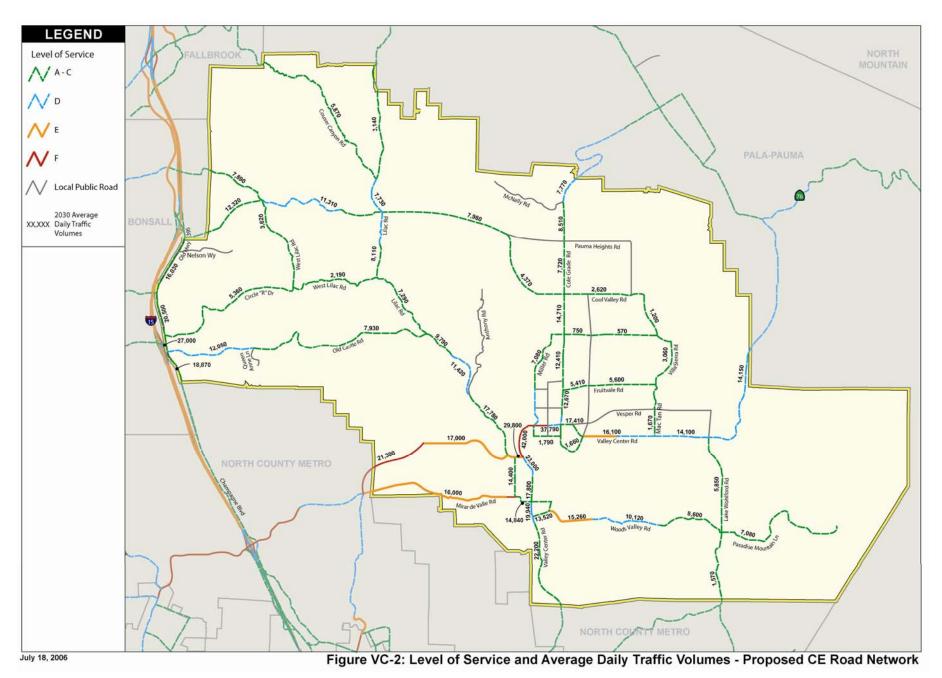


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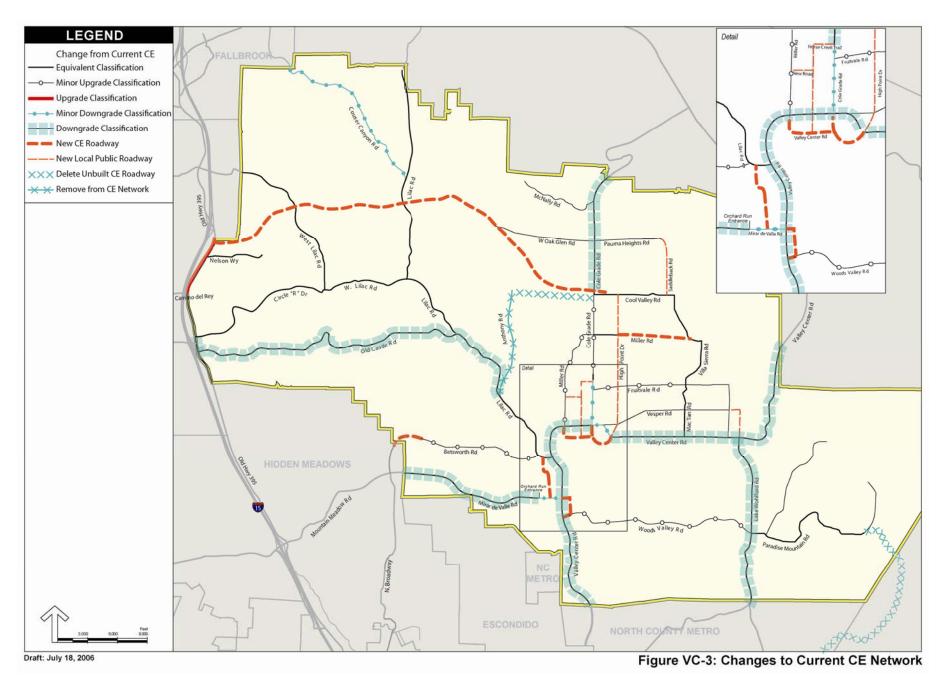




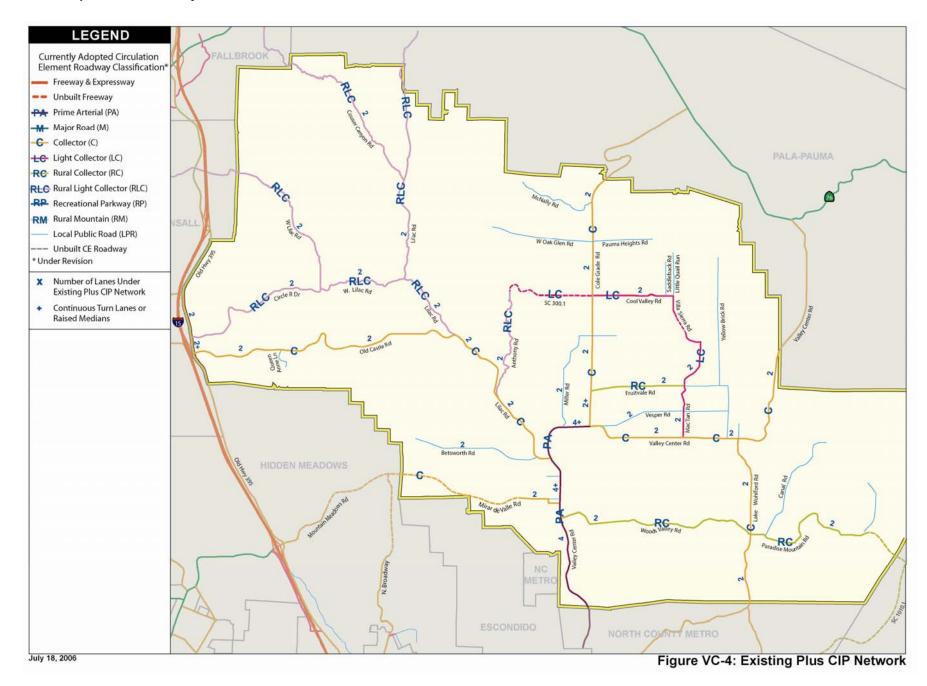
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	CE Road Segment	Road Network Recommendations	Basis for Staff Recommendation
1	Couser Canyon Road (SC 240) Segment: Entire length Existing Condition: 2 lanes Current Classification: Rural Light Collector Road (2 lanes)	Minor Downgrade 2.2F Light Collector with Reduced Shoulder (2 lanes) Reduced shoulder is five feet wide for bike lane	 Road Capacity – Two lanes are sufficient to operate at LOS D or better Minimize Environmental Impacts – The slower design speed and narrower R.O.W. will result in less grading
2	West Lilac Road (SC 270.1 / 280.2) Segment: Old Hwy. 395 to Lilac Road Existing Condition: 2 lanes Current Classification: Rural Light Collector Road (2 lanes)	Equivalent Classification 2.2E Light Collector (2 lanes)	Road Capacity – Two lanes are sufficient to operate at LOS D or better
3A	New Road Segment: Old Highway 395 to West Lilac Road Existing Condition: Unbuilt Current Classification: None	New CE Road 2.2C Light Collector with Intermittent Turn Lanes (2+ lanes)	 Road Capacity – Two lanes are sufficient to operate at LOS D or better Maximize Traffic Movement – Increases connectivity to the I-15 Build Community Consensus – Staff worked with community residents to build consensus on proposed road alignment
3B	New Road Segment: West Lilac Road to Cole Grade Road at Cool Valley Road Existing Condition: Generally unbuilt, but partially built (Hilldale Rd) as two-lane road Current Classification: None	New CE Road 2.2C Light Collector with Intermittent Turn Lanes (2+ lanes) Cool Valley Road would be realigned to intersection of Hilldale and Cole Grade Roads	 Road Capacity – Two lanes are sufficient to operate at LOS D or better Maximize Traffic Movement – Increases connectivity to the I-15 Build Community Consensus – Prefers Cool Valley Road alignment to avoid routing regional traffic in front of the high school
4A	Old Highway 395 Segment: I-15 to Camino del Rey Existing Condition: 2 lanes plus turn lanes Current Classification: Rural Collector Road (2 lanes)	Upgrade Classification 4.1B Major Road with Intermittent Turn Lanes (4+ lanes)	Road Capacity – Four lanes are necessary to operate at LOS D or better

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4B	Old Highway 395 Segment: Camino del Rey to Old Castle Existing Condition: 2 lanes plus turn lanes Current Classification: Collector Road (4 lanes)	Equivalent Classification 4.1B Major Road with Intermittent Turn Lanes (4+ lanes)	Road Capacity – Four lanes are necessary to operate at LOS D or better
5	Circle R Road (SC 280.1) Segment: Entire road Existing Condition: 2 lanes Current Classification: Rural Light Collector Road (2 lanes)	Equivalent Classification 2.2E Light Collector (2 lanes)	Road Capacity – Two lanes are sufficient to operate at LOS D or better
6	Old Castle Road (SF 1415) Segment: Entire road Existing Condition: 2 lanes Current Classification: Collector Road (4 lanes)	Downgrade Classification 2.2D Light Collector with Improvement Options (2+ lanes) Passing Lanes are the preferred improvement option	 Road Capacity – Two lanes with intermittent turn lanes are sufficient to operate at LOS D or better, given construction of parallel routes (Cool Valley and Mirar de Valle extensions) Cost / Environmental Constraints – Rugged terrain would make widening road expensive to build due to excessive amount of cutting into steep hills
7A	Lilac Road (SA 110) Segment: Community boundary to Old Castle Road Existing Condition: 2 lanes Current Classification: Rural Light Collector Road (2 lanes)	Equivalent Classification 2.2E Light Collector (2 lanes)	Road Capacity – Two lanes are sufficient to operate at LOS D or better

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7B	Lilac Road (SF 1415) Segment: Old Castle to Anthony Road Existing Condition: 2 lanes Current Classification: Collector Road (4 lanes)	Downgrade Classification 2.1D Community Collector with Improvement Options (2+ lanes) Raised Median is preferred improvement option	Road Capacity – Two lanes with operational improvements are sufficient for road to operate at LOS D or better. Classification necessary to reserve R.O.W. for potential long range road improvements
7 C	Lilac Road (SF 1415) Segment: Anthony Road to Valley Center Road Existing Condition: 2 lanes Current Classification: Collector Road (4 lanes)	Equivalent Classification 4.1B Major Road with Intermittent Turn Lanes (4+ lanes) (Anthony Road to Betsworth Road) Minor Downgrade 4.2A Boulevard with Raised Median (4+ lanes) (Betsworth Road to Valley Center Road)	 Road Capacity – Four lanes are required for the road to operate at LOS D or better Land Use – Lower design speed (Boulevard) and raised median will enhance community character within the village Note: Small segment classified as a Boulevard (east of Betsworth) will operate at LOS E (29.8K ADTs), with proposed land use changes
8A	Anthony Road (SC 290) Segment: Entire Length Existing Condition: 2 lanes Current Classification: Rural Light Collector Road (2 lanes)	Remove from CE Network Retain as Local Public Road (2 lanes)	 Road Capacity – Steep terrain and slow travel speed resulted in a low traffic volume forecast that would not justify retaining road on CE Minimize Environmental Impacts – A wider, faster road with straighter curves would require extensive grading, cut and fill
8B	SC 300.1 Segment: Entire Length Existing Condition: Unbuilt road to connect Anthony and Cole Grade Roads Current Classification: Light Collector Road (2 lanes)	Delete CE Road	Road Capacity – Traffic model forecasts of the extension of Anthony Road showed low traffic volumes that make construction of the road impractical

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9A	Cool Valley Road (SC 300)	Equivalent Classification	• Road Capacity – Two lanes are sufficient to
	Segment: Entire Road	2.2E Light Collector (2 lanes)	operate at LOS D or better
	Existing Condition: 2 lanes	Realign road to connect with	
	Current Classification: Light Collector Road	Hilldale Road at Cole Grade Road	
	(2 lanes)		
9B	Villa Sierra Road (SC 300)	Equivalent Classification	• Road Capacity – Two lanes are sufficient to
	Segment: Entire length	2.2E Light Collector (2 lanes)	operate at LOS D or better
	Existing Condition: 2 lanes (gated)		
	Current Classification: Light Collector Road		
	(2 lanes)		
9C	Mac Tan Road (SC 300)	Equivalent Classification	• Road Capacity – Two lanes are sufficient to
	Segment: Entire length	2.2E Light Collector (2 lanes)	operate at LOS D or better
	Existing Condition: 2 lanes		
	Current Classification: Light Collector Road		
	(2 lanes)		
10A	Miller Road	New CE Road	• Road Capacity – Two lanes are sufficient to operate at LOS D or better
	Segment: Cole Grade Road to Villa Sierra	2.2E Light Collector (2 lanes)	• Maximize Traffic Movement – Provides a
	Road		parallel route to Valley Center Road and
	Existing Condition: 2 lanes / unbuilt Current Classification: Private road		would improve connectivity to Cole Grade
	Current Classification. Fitvate foad		Road
10B	Miller Road	Add to CE Network	• Road Capacity – Two lanes are sufficient to
	Segment: Cole Grade Road west then south to	2.3B Minor Collector with	operate at LOS D or better
	Valley Center Road	Intermittent turn Lanes (2+ lanes)	Maximize Traffic Movement – Improves connectivity to/within the town center
	Existing Condition: 2 lanes	(Valley Center to new road near Misty Oak)	connectivity to, within the town center
	<u>Current Classification</u> : Local public road	2.2E Light Collector (2 lanes)	
		(New road near Misty Oak Road to	
		Cole Grade Road)	

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11	Fruitvale Road (SC 310)	Minor Upgrade	• Road Capacity – Two lanes are sufficient to
	Segment: Entire length Existing Condition: 2 lanes	2.2C Light Collector with Intermittent Turn Lanes (2+ lanes)	operate at LOS D or better
	<u>Current Classification</u> : Rural Collector Road (2 lanes)	Design exceptions required to slow traffic in vicinity of schools	
12A	Cole Grade Road (SA 120)	Downgrade Classification	• Road Capacity – Two lanes are sufficient to
	Segment: SR76 to Cool Valley Road Existing Condition: 2 lanes	2.2E Light Collector (2 lanes) (SR76 to McNally Road)	 operate at LOS D or better Support Land Use Goals – A raised median
	Current Classification: Collector Road (4 lanes)	2.1C Community Collector with Intermittent Turn Lanes (2+ lanes) (McNally Road to Pauma Heights Road)	is an important component in preserving community character
		2.1A Community Collector with Raised Median (2+ lanes) (Pauma Heights to Cool Valley Road)	
12B	Cole Grade Road (SA 120)	Minor Upgrade	• Road Capacity – Four lanes are necessary
	Segment: Cool Valley Road to Valley Center Road Existing Condition: 2 lanes	4.1A Major Road with Raised Median (4+ lanes) (Cool Valley to Horse Creek Trail)	 to operate at LOS D or better Support Land Use Goals – A raised median is an important component in preserving
	Current Classification: Collector Road	Minor Downgrade	community character
	(4 lanes)	4.2A Boulevard with Raised Median (4+ lanes) (Horse Creek Trail to Valley Center Road)	

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12C	Cole Grade Road Extension	New CE Road	• Road Capacity – Four lanes are required to
	Segment: Valley Center Road to New South Bypass Road (New Road 13A)	4.2B Boulevard with Intermittent Turn Lanes (4+ lanes)	operate at LOS D or better
	Existing Condition: 2 lanes Current Classification: Not on CE		
13A	New Road	New CE Road	Road Capacity – New road would provide
	Segment: Valley Center Road at New Road 13B to Valley Center Road at Miller Road Existing Condition: Unbuilt Current Classification: None	2.2A Light Collector with Raised Median (2+ lanes) Continuous Turn Lane recommended in lieu of Raised Median in industrial area	parallel route to relieve congestion on Valley Center Road • Support Land Use Goals – Continuous turn lane more appropriate for industrial land uses
13B	New Road (Wilhite Lane extension)	New Local Public Road	Maximize Traffic Movement – Provides a
	Segment: Valley Center Road at New Road 13A to Cool Valley Road Existing Condition: Partially constructed two lane road Current Classification: Private road	(2 lanes)	parallel route to Valley Center Road and would improve connectivity to Cole Grade Road
14A	Valley Center Road (SF 639)	Downgrade Classification	Community consensus – Prefers network of
	Segment: Community boundary to New Road 13A Existing Condition: 2 lanes	2.1D Community Collector with Improvement Options (2+ lanes) Raised Median is preferred	two-lane roads Note: Small segment will operate at LOS E (16.1K ADTs). Classification would reserve R.O.W. necessary for four-lane road
	Current Classification: Collector Road	improvement option	K.O.W. necessary for rour-lane road
	(4 lanes)	Board Alternative Map: Equivalent Classification	• Road Capacity – Four lanes are necessary for segment to operate at LOS D or better
		4.1B Major Road with Intermittent Turn Lanes (4+ lanes)	
		Mac Tan Road to New Road 13A	

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14B	Valley Center Road (SF 639) Segment: New Road 13A to Lilac Road Existing Condition: 4 lanes with turn lanes (CIP) Current Classification: Prime Arterial (6 lanes)	Downgrade Classification 4.2A Boulevard with Raised Median (4+ lanes) (New Road 13A to Miller Road) 4.1A Major Road with Raised Median (4+ lanes) (Miller Road to Lilac Road) Includes proposed reductions in land use intensity	 Community Consensus – Planning group does not support widening road to six lanes, but also does not support the failing LOS Support Land Use Goals – Four lanes provides sufficient R.O.W. for existing businesses Note: Segment will operate at LOS F (36.8 – 42.0K ADTs)
14C	Valley Center Road (SF 639) Segment: Lilac Road to Banbury Drive Existing Condition: 2 lanes with turn lanes Current Classification: Prime Arterial (6 lanes)	Downgrade Classification 4.2A Boulevard with Raised Median (4+ lanes) Includes proposed reductions in land use intensity	 Road Capacity – Four lanes and a parallel route (new road 16A) are necessary to operate at LOS D or better Build Community Consensus – Planning group does not support widening road to six lanes
14D	Valley Center Road (SF 639) Segment: Banbury Drive to Community Boundary Existing Condition: 4 lanes with raised median Current Classification: Prime Arterial (6 lanes)	Downgrade Classification 4.1A Major Road with Raised Median (4+ lanes)	Road Capacity – Four lanes with a median are sufficient to operate at LOS D or better

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15A	Mirar de Valle Road (SC 990.2) Segment: Community boundary to Orchard Run entrance Existing Condition: 2 lanes / unbuilt Current Classification: Collector Road (4 lanes)	Downgrade Classification 2.1D Community Collector with Improvement Options (2+ lanes) Raised Median is preferred improvement option Includes proposed reductions in land use intensity	 Road Capacity – Proposed classification with raised median provides maximum capacity for two-lane road Minimize Environmental Impacts – Two lanes are less impactive than four lanes where road traverses through steep terrain Build Community Consensus – Valley Center and Hidden Meadows communities opposed to four lanes Note: Proposed classification will operate at LOS E (16.0 ADTs). Classification would
15B	Mirar de Valle Road (SC 990.2) Segment: Orchard Run entrance to Valley Center Road Existing Condition: 2 lanes with turn lanes Current Classification: Collector Road (4 lanes)	Minor Upgrade 4.2A Boulevard with Raised Median (4+ lanes) Includes proposed reductions in land use intensity	 reserve R.O.W. necessary for four-lanes. Road Capacity – Four lanes are required to operate at LOS D or better Support Land Use Goals – Boulevard classification is consistent with Village densities
15C	Segment: Lilac Road to Broadway Existing Condition: 2 lanes /unbuilt Current Classification: Local public road	New CE Road / Add to CE Network 2.2C Light Collector with Intermittent turn Lanes (2+ lanes) Includes proposed reductions in land use intensity	 Road Capacity – Four lanes required to operate at LOS D or better, but other routes to I-15 have excess capacity Minimize Environmental Impacts – Two lanes are less impactive than four lanes where road traverses through steep terrain Build Community Consensus – Community opposed to four lanes Note: Proposed classification will operate at LOS E/F (17.0 – 21.3 ADTs)

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16A	New Road Segment: Lilac to Mirar de Valle Road Existing Condition: Unbuilt Current Classification: Not on CE	New CE Road 4.2B Boulevard with Intermittent Turn Lanes (4+ lanes) Includes proposed reductions in land use intensity	 Road Capacity – Four lanes are required to operate at LOS D or better Maximize Traffic Movement – Provides a parallel route that absorbs traffic from Valley Center Road Build Community Consensus – Planning group does not support widening Valley Center Road to six lanes
16B	New Road Segment: Valley Center Road at Mirar de Valle to Woods Valley Road Existing Condition: Unbuilt Current Classification: Not on CE	New CE Road 2.3A Minor Collector with Raised Median (2+ lanes) Includes proposed reductions in land use intensity	 Road Capacity – Four lanes required to operate at LOS D or better, without land use intensity reductions Maximize Traffic Movement – Provides a parallel route to Valley Center Road and would improve connectivity to Woods Valley Road
17	Woods Valley Road (SC 1010) Segment: Entire length Existing Condition: 2 lanes Current Classification: Rural Collector Road (2 lanes)	Draft Land Use Map: Equivalent / Upgrade Classification 2.2C Light Collector with Intermittent Turn Lanes (2+ lanes) (Lake Wohlford Road to New Road 16) 4.2B Boulevard with Intermittent Turn Lanes (4+ lanes) (New Road 16B to Valley Center Road) Board Alternative Map: Upgrade Classification 4.1B Major Road with Intermittent Turn Lanes (4+ lanes)	 Road Capacity – With exception of small segment, two lanes are sufficient to operate at LOS D or better Minimize Environmental Impacts – Current road alignment follows natural terrain, but widening would require significant grading and tree cutting Build Community Consensus – Community opposed to four lanes Note: Small segment west of Wood Valley Ranch entrance will operate at LOS E (15.2 ADTs)

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18	Lake Wohlford Road Segment: Entire length Existing Condition: 2 lanes Current Classification: Collector Road (4 lanes)	Downgrade Classification 2.2C Light Collector with Intermittent Turn Lanes (2+ lanes) Design exceptions required to slow traffic in vicinity of schools	Road Capacity – Two lanes are sufficient to operate at LOS D or better
19A	Paradise Mountain Rd. (SC 1010.1) Segment: Built portion Existing Condition: 2 lanes Current Classification: Rural Collector Road (2 lanes)	Equivalent Classification 2.2E Light Collector (2 lanes) Extend existing road to Hellhole Canyon Open Space Preserve	Road Capacity – Two lanes are sufficient to operate at LOS D or better
19B	Paradise Mountain Rd. (SC 1010.1) Segment: Unbuilt portion Existing Condition: Unbuilt Current Classification: Collector Road (4 lanes)	Delete CE Road	 Road Capacity – Road would not relieve congestion on existing roads Minimize Costs / Environmental Impacts – Construction of a road would require extensive grading, cut and fill and it would not support planned development